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1. EMBASSY WILL BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE VISIT TO CROSS SECTION OF REFUGEE CAMPS FOR STAFF MEMBERS NELSON AND HOLSTINE. USEFUL AND INFORMATIVE VISITS CAN BE WORKED OUT. HOWEVER, SCHEDULE SUGGESTED REF A WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO ARRANGE AND WOULD IN ANY CASE BE DUPLICATIVE SO FAR AS THE ETHNIC GROUPS ARE CONCERNED. SCHEDULE SUGGESTED REF B CAN BE ARRANGED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY BUT WOULD NOT PERMIT TIME TO VISIT ANY BOAT CASE CAMP.

2 . RATHER EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE, WHICH WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO ALL ETHNIC GROUPS, INCLUDING RECENT ARRIVALS FROM VIETNAM:

THURSDAY, JULY 6

1500 - ATTEND COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING FOR CODEL, AT WHICH REFUGEE COORDINATOR AND LTC MATHER WILL BE PRESENT. ADDITIONAL TIME CAN BE TAKEN TO ADDRESS REFUGEE/MIA QUESTIONS IN MORE DETAIL
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IF DESIRED.

1700 - VISIT AUA

2000 - DINNER HOSTED BY EMBASSY.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

0920 - DEPART BANGKOK VIA TH 221

1110 - ARRIVE UDORN. MET BY CONSUL JOHN FINNEY.

PM - LUNCH. VISIT NONG KHAI REFUGEE CAMP, LARGEST IN THAILAND AND LOCATION OF RECENTLY ARRIVED LAO AND HMONG. (ALTHOUGH LOEI CAMP CONTAINS LARGEST HMONG POPULATION, THERE ARE SOME 7,000 HMONG IN NONG KHAI, INCLUDING THOSE MOST RECENTLY ARRIVED IN THAILAND). RETURN BANGKOK NIGHT TRAIN.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

0600 - ARRIVE BANGKOK.

REMAINDER OF DAY FREE.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

0800 - DEPART BY CAR FOR ARANYAPRATHET.

1100 - ARRIVE ARANYAPRATHET. LUNCH . VISIT REFUGEE CAMP (CAMBODIAN REFUGEES)

1500 - DEPART ARANYAPRATHET FOR CHANTABURI.

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1730 - ARRIVE CHANTABURI. RON.

MONDAY, JULY 10

AM VISIT LAEM SING REFUGEE CAMP (RECENTLY ARRIVED VIETNAMESE BOAT CASES) .

PM DEPART FOR BANGKOK.

1700 - ARRIVE HOTEL.

3. FSO DESAIX ANDERSON WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISITS TO REFUGEE CAMPS . HE AND LTC MATHER WOULD ACCOMPANY DELEGATION ON JULY 9-10 PORTION OF VISIT. INTERPRETERS AS NECESSARY WILL BE ARRANGED.

4. EMBASSY WILL COORDINATE WHICHEVER SCHEDULE DELEGATION PREFERS WITH APPROPRIATE RTG OFFICES, WHOSE APPROVAL FOR CAMP VISITS IS NECESSARY. RTG MAY ALSO WANT TO PROVIDE ESCORT OFFICER.

5. PLEASE CONFIRM ASAP (A) THAT VISIT TO REFUGEE CAMPS WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY STAFFDEL HOLSTINE AND NELSON AND

(B) PREFERENCES BETWEEN RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE PARA 2 ABOVE

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